

County Records

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Four-legged members of the Marin County Sheriff's K9 unit don't have to sweat out the summer heat, even when their human handlers are away from the squad car.

Bystanders at a recent crime scene were surprised to hear the engine of a K9 squad car holding a Rottweiler named Mace turn over despite no one being behind the wheel.

The car is set to automatically turn on when the internal temperature goes above a certain level.

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SPEAKOUT

The IJ wants to know your opinion on current issues.

Today's question

Do you think vice presidential candidates have a significant influence on the presidential race?

Here's what Renaldo Ricketts of San Rafael says:

"Only if it is a woman or someone that is non-white."

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